**Preliminary Amendment** 

thickness of the layer.

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the following paragraph:

A method produces a lighting element that includes at least one luminescent diode and an inserted light-guiding body. The light-guiding body receives light emitted by the luminescent diode. The luminescent diodes are secured to the light-guiding body by an injection molding process of a transparent plastic material such that at least 50% of the surface of the light emitting diode is covered by the injected material during the manufacturing thereof, and that the maximum wall thickness of the injected layer does not exceed three-times the minimum wall-